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Student Artists Honored for Green Art Contest *Contest inspires focus on environmental themes through art*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 19, 2011) — The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) today honored the winning 2010 Green Art Contest high school artists. Awards were presented to six Kentucky high school juniors and seniors who created art using the contest themes of natural resources and environmental management. Students were encouraged to submit painting/printwork, sculpture, pottery and photographs.

"The purpose of the contest was to encourage high school students to think about the environment and inspire them to include the environment in their artwork," said DEP Commissioner Bruce Scott, who presented the awards to students.

Artwork from the contest winners will be displayed in the DEP Training Center in Frankfort, where it will be viewed by hundreds of visitors.

"The impact of the winners' artwork can be far-reaching, creating a ripple effect that will educate multitudes who view it and create a new appreciation for preserving the beauty and resources of the Commonwealth," said First Lady Jane Beshear. "It is our hope that every eligible Kentucky high school junior and senior will submit artwork for this contest in future years."

The winners of the 2010 Green Art Contest are Luke Francis, Chelsea F. Gess and Kellie Gjura from Bryan Station High School in Lexington; Verena Burger from West Jessamine High School in Nicholasville and Carrollyn Ricketts and Emily Rowan from North Bullitt High School in Shepherdsville.

The Green Art Contest is sponsored by DEP's Division of Compliance Assistance. For more information, visit <http://dca.ky.gov> or call toll-free at 800-926-8111.